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Caption
Resolution to Approve Sale of Surplus Property - 2702 & 2706 Onalaska Ave

Staff/Department Responsible for Legislation
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Requestor of Legislation
Jonah Denson

Location, if applicable
N/A

Summary/Purpose
Approval of offer to purchase for two vacant parcels at 2702 Onalaska Ave and 2706 Onalaska Ave.

Background
Common Council approved the the purchase of 2710 & 2702 Onalaska Ave via resolution 21-1685 on December 9th, 2021. Parcels were deemed surplus property. Parcel #17-10259-40 was split on 4-13-22 and parcel #17-10259-32 was created for 2706 Onalaska Ave. These parcels were originally listed for sale on the Planning website. On 3-15-2023 parcel 17-10259-40 - 2702 Onalaska Ave and 17-10259-32 - 2706 Onalaska Ave were advertised for sale in the legal notice section of the La Crosse Tribune, Winona Daily News and the Chippewa Herald. For Sale signs were also posted on both parcels in early March. Interested parties were given until 4-19-2023 to submit an offer to purchase. Despite many inquires Habitat for Humanity was the only party to submit an offer to purchase. Board of Public Works approved Habitat's OTP of both parcels for $10,000 each on 5-1-2023. Habitat for Humanity included design plans with their offers to purchase. They plan to fill both lots to base flood elevation and build a modular home on each parcel. They plan to have the new homes finished and sold by April of 2024.

Fiscal Impact
These vacant lots, currently tax exempt are predicted to assess at or around $175,000 once complete.

Staff Recommendation
Planning Department recommends approval of the offers to purchase from Habitat for Humanity